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RESOLUTION

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The Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Recognizes National Problem Gambling Awareness Week

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all communities and which has a significant societal and economic cost; and,

WHEREAS, problem gambling is treatable and treatment is effective in minimizing the Harm to both individuals and society as a whole; and,

WHEREAS, numerous individuals, professionals and organizations have dedicated their efforts to the education of the public about problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of treatment; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse is pleased to join the New Jersey Council on Compulsive Gambling in promoting March 1 - 7, 2009, as National Problem Gambling Awareness Week in New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, promoting the awareness week provides individuals in the problem gambling community an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the social and financial effectiveness of services available for problem gambling; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse encourages all County and Municipal Alliances, along with all residents of New Jersey, to participate in National Problem Gambling Awareness Week to help spread the message that there is help for problem gamblers through treatment, and to support those who are in treatment and recovery and their families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Now recognizes the week of March 1 - 7, 2009, as:

National Problem Gambling Awareness Week

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GCADA directs that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Jon Corzine, the New Jersey Legislature, County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Directors, County Alliance Coordinators, Municipal Alliances, and the New Jersey Council on Compulsive Gambling.

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Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman